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National Family Health Survey
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the National Family Health Survey report released during 2016 has highlighted that the population in many districts of the country including Madhya Pradesh are facing malnutrition, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of persons who lost their lives due to malnutrition in various districts of the country including Madhya Pradesh in the last three years, districtwise and year-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments have failed in addressing the malnutrition deaths, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has issued instructions/guidelines to the State Governments including Madhya Pradesh to check malnutrition deaths, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-16), 35.7 per cent children below five years are underweight, 38.4 per cent are stunted and 21 per cent are wasted in the country. In the State of Madhya Pradesh 42.8 per cent children below five years are underweight, 42 per cent are stunted and 25.8 per cent are wasted

The indicator "Children under 5 years who are underweight (weight-for-age)" is one of the composite indicator for child malnutrition. As per NFHS-4 data, the national average of children under 5 years who are underweight has reduced from 42.5% as reported in NFHS-3(2005-06) to 35.7% in NFHS-4(2015-16) and in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the same period, underweight children under 5 years has gone down from 60%(NFHS-3) (2005-06) to 42.8%(NFHS-4). Further in the State of Madhya Pradesh the districts Barwani & Sheopur have reported highest (55%) of children under 5 years who are underweight during 2015-16 (NFHS-4).

A statement containing the percentage of stunted, wasted and underweight Children under 5 years, State/UT/Districts wise from NFHS-4 (2015-16) is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Report on Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD) gives statistics on Cause of death obtained through Civil Registration System under Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1969. It is published annually by Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India. As per MCCD, State-wise number of people who lost their life due to malnutrition for the period of 2013-2015 are enclosed at Annexure-II.

(d): Central governments have initiated various programs like MAA (Mothers Absolute Affection) to promote exclusive breast feeding; Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan; and issued the following guidelines to the state governments including Madhya Pradesh to combat the challenges of malnutrition in the country.

i. Operational Guidelines on Facility Based Management of Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM).
ii. Guidelines for Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) Children at Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC)
iii. Central government have also issued guidelines on India Newborn Action Plan (INAP) to all the state governments.
iv. National guidelines for enhancing optimal Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices.
v. Operational guidelines on Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Facility Based Newborn Care (FBNC).
vi. National Iron Plus Initiative (NIPI) for anaemia control among children from 6 to 60 months of age.